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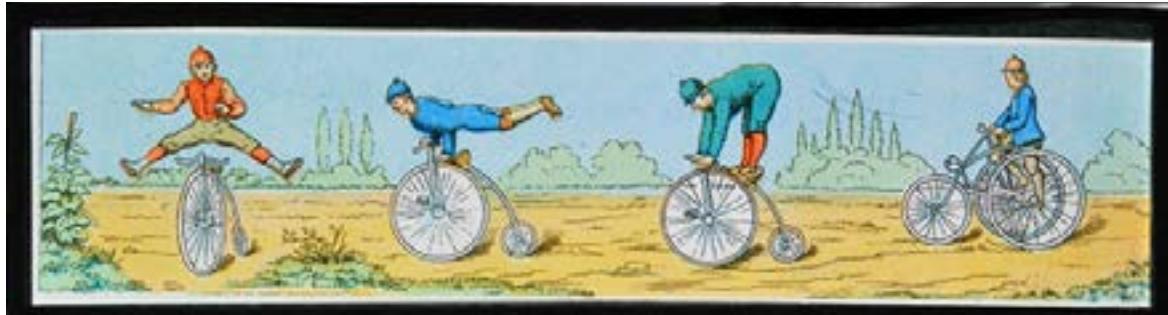
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## The Magic Lantern Calendar – May 2022

### Events

May 1, 2022, Magic Lantern Secret Speakeasy, 1930s Disney Magic Lantern glass slides, The Museum of Interesting Things, 177 Prince St., New York, NY 10012

through October 2023, Gary Fabian Miller: The Light Gatherers, lecture series at the Bodleian Libraries, will include influences of Magic Lantern projectionists. Information at <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/garry-fabian-miller-the-light-gatherers>

May 5 –7, 2022, *The Magic Lantern in Leisure, Entertainment and Popular Culture*, B-Magic Final Conference, Antwerp Belgium. Pre-conference Event at CINEMATEK Brussels, May 4, 2022. See <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/projects/b-magic/final-conference/>.

May 8, 2022, Brinton Surprise, Red Cedar Chamber Music program featuring early silent films and magic lantern slides accompanied by chamber music, Muscatine Art Center, 1314 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine, Iowa

May 12, 2022, *Isabella Bird – Britain's Fearless Adventurer and Her Magic Lantern*, lecture and slide presentation at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16-18 Queen Square, Bath, England BA12HN. <https://www.brlsi.org/whatson/isabellabird/>

June 24-26, 2022, *IDMAA Media Art Exhibition 2022: Weird Media*, Winona State University, Winona Minnesota, submission deadline February 1, 2022, <http://idmaa.org/conferences/idmaa-2022-weird-media/exhibition-2022-weird-media/>.

October 18-20 2022, *Forty Years of the Magic Lantern Society – Looking Back and Looking Forward!* The 19th convention of the Magic Lantern Society of the US and Canada, Glidden House, Cleveland OH. Contact briandrogers@gmail.com if you are interested in presenting. Registration opens soon.

### Exhibits

Ongoing, *The Path to Cinema: Highlights from the Richard Balzer Collection*, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Los Angeles CA USA. 9,000 magic lantern objects collected by former MLS president Richard Balzer. <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/exhibitions/path-to-cinema>

Ongoing, *From Shadows to Film...and all the magic in between!* Kent Museum of the Moving Image, Stanhope Road, Deal, Kent CT14 6AD UK <https://www.kentmomi.org/>

Ongoing, *Peter Bonnet magic lantern collection*, Museum Stedhus Sleat, heerenwal 48, 8556 XS Sloten, the Netherlands

Ongoing, *Packaged Black*, “Rotating Lantern”, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA.

Through July 10, 2022, *City of Cinema: Paris 1850-1907*, brings together various media including magic lanterns that culminated in cinema as a mass media. Resnick Pavilion, Los Angeles County Museum of art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.

Through December 2026, *The Story of the Moving Image*, Australian Center for the Moving Image, Melbourne Australia. From magic lanterns to the latest in interactive technology.

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## The Magic Lantern Calendar – May 2022 continued

### Online

*Life Through the Lens, online exhibit by the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery, <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/life-through-the-lens/eAJSnVyn4BS2Jw>*

*Starry nights: astronomy in the popular imagination, online exhibit through the Science Museum Group collection explores the ways astronomical discoveries and spectacles have thrilled and inspired us. <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/starry-nights-astronomy-in-the-popular-imagination/jgIi46ysvZNWJw>*

*In focus: the development of photography, film, and television, online exhibit from the Deutsches Museum from the magic lantern to cell-phone photos. <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/in-focus-the-development-of-photography-film-and-television/LQKiqVxr8yRwJA>*

*Photo-Drama of Creation Museum, 3D Virtual Museum & Theater, live performances for groups through an innovative videoconferencing system, <https://pdocmuseum.org>*

*Magic Lantern Performing Group, Improve your skills every other Thursday on Zoom. Contact Terry Borton: [tborton@magiclanternshows.com](mailto:tborton@magiclanternshows.com)*

*De Luikerwaal Dutch Virtual Museum, <https://www.luikerwaal.com/>. Magic lantern history, pictures, stories*

*Lucerna – the Magic Lantern Web Resource, online database collaboration covering all aspects of magic lanterns. <http://lucerna.exeter.ac.uk/>*

*The Museum of American Magic Lantern Shows, 5-minute intro, 10-minute Highlights Tour, 30-minute In-Depth Tour and Kids' Page. <https://www.magiclanternmuseum.com>*

*To add your magic lantern show, exhibition, or other event to our calendar, or to list your show for potential bookings, drop a line to [briandrogers@gmail.com](mailto:briandrogers@gmail.com).*



**19th International Convention**  
**October 18-20, 2022**  
**Cleveland, OH, USA**

## **2022 Magic Lantern Convention Planning**

The Magic Lantern Society convention planning group continues its work on programming for the 2022 Convention in Cleveland:

### **Forty Years: Looking Back and Looking Forward.**

The Convention will be held at the Glidden House in Cleveland, Ohio, from October 18-20, 2022. It will begin on Tuesday with time for social gathering (and perhaps a presentation or two), with two full days of programming and time for visiting with friends on Wednesday and Thursday. A group meal is planned for Wednesday evening, and the program will conclude with a public Extravaganza presentation by several of our performers on Thursday evening at the Cinematique in Cleveland.

Special thanks to Larry Rakow for all his work on local logistics!

### **Here's a partial list of presenters and their programs:**

**Terry Borton:** Performers Workshop; and Joseph Boggs Beale

**Ron Easterday:** The Rise and Fall of the Buckeye Stereopticon Company; and a variety of short subjects

**Kim Smeja and cast:** Program in six stories/acts

**Beth Ayers:** Love in the Air (with hammered dulcimer)

**Brian Rogers:** Perceptions of the Arctic

**Bob & Sue Hall:** Racial Profiling 1900, or How Your Parents and Grandparents Were Taught to be Racist

**Janelle Blankenship:** Monster Magic Lantern; and German lantern slides of A Kruss

**Edward Murray:** Magic Lantern Slides and Current Poetry

**Julie Melby:** Edward L Wilson and The Magic Lantern magazine (1874)

**Larry Rakow and Richard Moore** are still working on their topics, and will be there to present

And more to come!

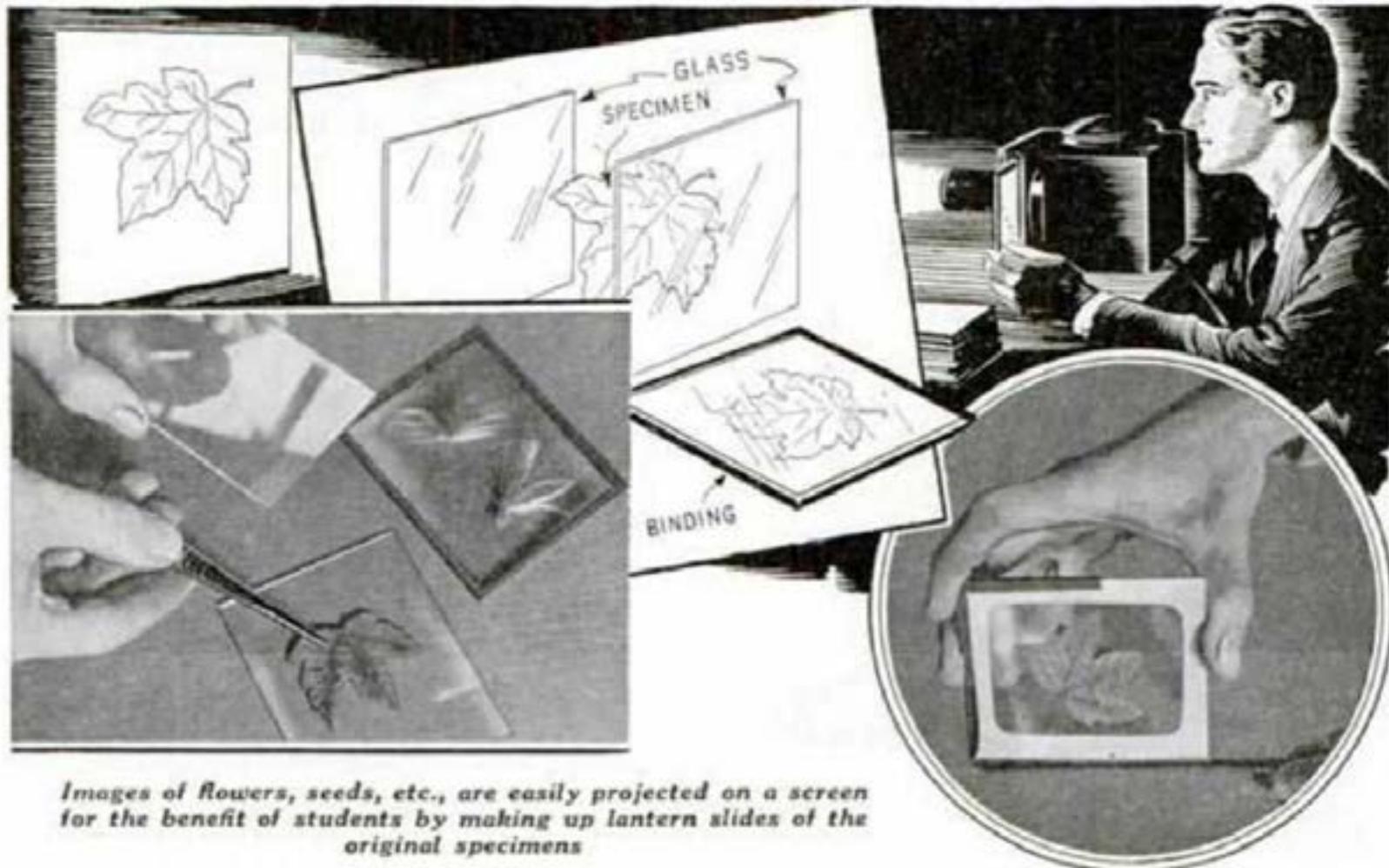
**Registration information will be available in the June ePub. See you there!**



## Interesting Way to Create Slides

POPULAR MECHANICS

# Original Specimens Used in Lantern Slides



*Images of flowers, seeds, etc., are easily projected on a screen for the benefit of students by making up lantern slides of the original specimens*

## Lantern Show at Port Townsend "Victorian Days"

The Port Townsend "Victorian Days" Festival was founded in 1996 to celebrate the history, lifestyle and audacity of early life in Port Townsend, Washington



Port Townsend Victorian Heritage Festival  
APRIL 29, APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2022

Presented by The Port Townsend Heritage Association

PTHAA is a collaboration of individuals who wish to promote and share the heritage and history of Port Townsend and its environs.

**Festival Event and Activity Previews**

Exploring the Victorian Era Magic Lantern  
Presented by Brian Rogers  
Friday April 29 - 8:00 - 9:00 pm  
Kilmar Building 1022 Water Street  
where one room includes the magic lantern!  
Come explore the dimly lit pleasure to... more pictures.  
Includes the Victorian Era Magic Lantern!

Friday 8:00 pm MOVED to American Legion Hall - "Exploring the Victorian Era Magic Lantern"

**There will be a follow-up story in the June E-pub.**



## Magic Lanterns and Slides

**From John Staszyn**

jedzyn@aol.com

Dear Society,

I have recently fallen in love with the world of magic lanterns and slides. I was hoping you could provide me with list of dealers and collectors I could acquire some works from.

Thank you,

John Staszyn  
New York, NY 10010  
(212) 260-6350  
jedzyn@aol.com

**From David Evans**

Hello John

I don't know of a list of dealers. As a member of our society you would be able to include lists of your requirements in our monthly e-publications and quarterly printed Gazette, and you could respond to other members advertising slides etc for sale. I don't know of any other lists, though you can check on eBay, local auctions etc.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans

## Future Slide Image Source

**From Terry Borton**

Hi Larry.

Here's the latest on making your own "ML images."

Image is attached. It's from the newsletter of Ark Innovation.

Terry <https://openai.com/dall-e-2/>

OpenAI's New DALL-E 2 Model Transforms Text Into Images

### TEXT DESCRIPTION

An astronaut riding a horse in space in a photorealistic style





## Parts For Perken, Son & Rayment Lantern

From Tim Shinners  
timshinners1@gmail.com



Greetings Larry! Hope all is well in your corner of the world.

I finally was able to obtain a wood/brass magic lantern projector that I've been searching for for (see attached pic) at a good price.

However, it needs a 4 1/4" condenser lens and a chimney. So, I'll need to do some restoration.

If any of the ML Society members have either of these items that they would like to part with, please let me know.



## Assistance with Collection

**From Ken Sperling**  
kensperling@gmail.com

I have a modest collection of slides (over 1800) and a relatively nice projector that my dad gave to me before my folks moved out of town.

That was 20 years ago, and now, I am cleaning out my house to downsize, and now I am faced with the task of moving the slides across the country and hoping they survive, selling them, or lending them to a museum to preserve and display them for the future.

I'm not a 'collector', but I do love antique things (being almost an antique myself), and I have been looking for SOMEONE on Long Island, New York, who might help me get these beautiful slides into the right hands.

If you know of anyone who can assist, please let me know.

Otherwise, thank you for your time.

Ken



**From David Evans**

Hello Ken

We do have a few members on the East Coast and will send your enquiry to one in particular who may be able to help. If that doesn't work, we could add your point to our monthly e-publication (May) in the hope that someone may be interested. If it comes to that it would be useful to have some pictures of the slides and projector.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans

## World's Oldest Example of a Working Camera Obscura



**From Terry Borton**

Hi Terry,

Great to talk to you!! Here is the link my brother Jim sent me today

The world's oldest example of a working Camera Obscura - Museum Crush

<https://museumcrush.org/the-oldest-example-of-a-working-camera-obscura/>

Robert Kennedy  
rkennedy@kenbarsolutions.com

## Information About Cleaning Slides

**From Wagner Lungov**

wagner@lungov.com

Hello,

I am a collector and user of old lenses and photographic cameras. Recently I acquired a Magic Lantern, that was at the Bièvres Foire Photo, and also bought (online) a set of slides.

The slides have just arrived and I noticed that they present dark spots as can be seen in the attached pictures.

Is it possible to clean up those spots without damaging the images? Could you please give me any hint on literature or an online forum where I could go after a possible solution?

Kind regards,

Wagner Lungov  
apenasimagens.com

**From David Evans**

Hello Wagner

The BW trade mark on your slide box is the mark of Gebruder Bing of Nuremberg. Makers of many small children's lanterns and lithographic slides.

Hello Wagner

Thank you for contacting us. I think your images show severe heat damage caused by someone projecting them for far too long in a lantern with a high power illuminant. If that is the case it will be irreversible. You are safe to clean the glass side of the slides but the image side will most probably be damaged further by any cleaning attempt. In the case of an important image, I would recommend digitally scanning it before any attempt is made to clean or restore any slide. That way you at least preserve the image if not the object.

We can post your enquiry in our next e-publication (May) in case any of our members have anything to add. Our Society does have a Facebook presence - you could post items on that.

Regards

David

From  
**Stephen Bottomore**  
sbottomore@gmail.com

for the ePub:-

Dear David and members of  
MLS of USA and Canada,

I am doing some research  
about "The Magic Lantern",  
which I believe was the  
world's first lantern journal,  
published in Philadelphia from  
1874 to 1885. A total of 125  
issues appeared. After a trip to  
libraries in the USA next year,  
I plan to write (and probably  
publish) a summary of the  
contents of the journal. But there  
is one thing...

Over the years I have searched  
for library holdings in union  
catalogues of periodicals and in  
online databases, and have enquired  
at the Smithsonian, Library of  
Congress, New York Public Library,  
University of Rochester, George  
Eastman Museum (Rochester) and  
other libraries...and I have located  
most issues. But there are three issues



**Information**

**Request**

missing in all collections, it seems:  
numbers 7, 8 and 9 of volume 10 -  
being July, August and September  
of 1884.

A few years ago I contacted our  
late, much lamented colleague  
Richard Balzer to see if he  
owned those issues of vol. 10,  
but he replied to say that he  
too was missing those in his  
holdings of the journal.

Can any members help in  
this quest?

Best wishes,  
Stephen Bottomore  
(Bedford, England)

**From J H Rabun**  
rabunj1@bellsouth.net

We have not heard from anyone. Maybe you could list the slides again in your newsletter. Would that be possible?

Thanks for your immediate response. I find it unusual that no one is even interested in these slides. They are in good condition and could be purchased at a very low price. What auction house do you think might be interested?

JH Rabun

We have approximately 1200 glass lantern slides (many Edward Van Altena, New York; Dr. Franz Stoedtner, Dusseldorf; National Studios, Inc., New York; a few from other producers). The slides cover several subjects, such as, architecture, art, textiles, interiors, etc.

Do you know anyone that would be interested in these slides? They are in excellent conditions. We would appreciate any information you can offer.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
J.H. Rabun



## Glass Lantern Slides



I thought you might want to know the subjects of the 1000 slides I wrote you about.

300 Architecture 100 Sculpture

200 Furniture

200 Costumes/Portraits

100 Pottery 100 Textiles/Artists/Mosaics

The slides could be sold as one group or in groups by subject matter. I do not have a price in mind (only what

I have seen on Ebay); so I am open to offers. I am located in Knoxville, Tn., and if you know of someone local that is interested, we could make arrangements for them to view.

**A Big Thank You to the following:  
contributing to this months issue.**

Terry Borton  
Stephen Bottomore  
DavidEvans  
Wagner Lungov  
J H Rabun  
Brian Rogers  
Tim Shinners  
Ken Sperling  
John Staszyn

**Now it's  
your turn to  
share!**

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

**E-mail Larry**



Here is a song that is going to be sung, hummed and whistled wherever the appreciative ear for music hears it.

**Just Let Me Prove My Love To You**

We have beat them all to it, and have a great set of slides ALL READY; the dandiest slides that brains, camera and color could devise. You will agree with us when you see them.

**ORDER NOW!**      **ORDER QUICK!**

Be up to the minute with the biggest hit since "Love Me and the World is Mine."

*\$3.50 the set and your money back if they are not satisfactory.*

NEOSHO SLIDE COMPANY      100 South Wood Street  
NEOSHO, MO.

## Welcome New Member

### Ann Littlewood

2915 NE 21st Ave  
Portland  
OR 97212  
E: annlittlewood3@gmail.com  
Ph: (503) 887-8594

Retired  
Interested in slides related to Oregon Audubon, Portland Audubon or Oregon conservation.  
She plans to give shows.



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**Inquiry**      **Vintage Lantern Projector**

**From Paul**  
p-51@twc.com  
Good afternoon,

I am in possession of a vintage, 100mm & 16mm, slide projector. It is a Magic Lantern. The lens is placed on the side by the bulb housing has a number of 135403. It has a placed-on the push button setting 140. It was obtained in Newark NJ.

This is in good working order and has few flaws. The bellows is fully extendable. The wood housing for the glass slides has one small piece that has cracked, but could be repaired easily I am sure.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the items in my collection.

**From David Evans**  
Good day Paul

They made great  
lanterns. If you are  
interested in slides  
I will take the slides  
and make the slides  
so that you can use  
them.

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### From Larry Cederblom

Paul,

This link is to a great collection that is in your neighborhood.

[https://library.sdsu.edu/scua/exhibits-events/library/  
Sources-Wonder](https://library.sdsu.edu/scua/exhibits-events/library/Sources-Wonder)

Larry

**From Paul**  
p-51@twc.com

Hi Larry,

What a cool newsletter! Thank you for sharing this and I look forward to looking into this all more. I would love to see one of these with the slides. I am going to check-out the Museum of Photograph Arts here in San Diego and see if they have any I could possible see.

Have a terrific day,

Paul